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Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Changes for Culpeper and King George Counties - Effective January 1, 2006

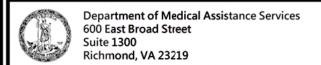
The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that, effective January 1, 2006, Culpeper and King George Counties will no longer be considered Northern Virginia (NOVA) localities.

For the purposes of billing Medicaid, the Commonwealth of Virginia is divided into two localities, Northern Virginia (NOVA) and the Rest of the State (ROS). Effective January 1, 2006, Culpeper (FIPS Code 047) and King George (FIPS Code 099) Counties will change from the NOVA reimbursement rates to the ROS reimbursement rates for Medicaid Services. The services and rates affected by this policy change will be updated accordingly in the DMAS Provider Manuals located on the DMAS website (www.dmas.virginia.gov).

This policy change follows a recent ruling for Medicare payments by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) - Department of Health and Human Services. On July 14, 2005, CMS released the Medicare Program Rules, <u>Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2006</u>. This new ruling changed the payment status of Culpeper and King George Counties, removing them from the Washington D.C./Virginia/Maryland metropolitan statistical area. The CMS rule is located in the Federal Register, 42 CFR Part 484/Volume 70, No. 134.

The rule can be found online at www.setonresourcecenter.com/register/2005/Jul/14/40788A.pdf.

Listed below are the localities and their corresponding FIPS (Federal Information Processing Service) Codes, which will remain in the DMAS NOVA area, effective



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Alexandria City - 510 Arlington County - 013 Clarke County - 043 Fairfax City - 600 Fairfax County - 059 Falls Church City - 610 Fauquier County - 061 Fredericksburg City - 630 Loudoun County - 107 Manassas City - 683 Manassas Park City - 685 Prince William County - 153 Spotsylvania County - 177 Stafford County - 179 Warren County - 187

DMAS PROVIDER MANUALS

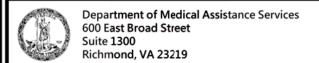
All DMAS Provider Manuals will be updated to reflect this change and will be available on the DMAS website (www.dmas.virginia.gov). From the DMAS website front page, click on "Provider Manuals" in the left-hand column entitled "DMAS Content Menu" to find Medicaid Provider Manuals.

ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS INFORMATION

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option (ARS) to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, prior authorization, and pharmacy prescriber identification. The website address to use to enroll for access to this system is http://virginia.fhsc.com. The MediCall voice response system will provide the same information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at www.dmas.virginia.gov. Refer to the Provider Column to find Medicaid and SLH (State and Local Hospitalization



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Program) Provider Manuals or click on "Medicaid Memos to Providers" to view Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order it by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 1-804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates requested.

"HELPLINE"

The "HELPLINE" is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on state holidays. The "HELPLINE" numbers are:

1-804-786-6273 Richmond area and out-of-state long distance

1-800-552-8627 All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the "HELPLINE" is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.

PROVIDER E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP

DMAS is pleased to inform providers about the creation of a new Provider E-Newsletter. The intent of this electronic newsletter is to inform, communicate, and share important program information with providers. Covered topics will include upcoming changes in claims processing, common problems with billing, new programs or changes in existing programs, and other information that may directly affect providers. If you would like to receive the electronic newsletter, please sign up at www.dmas.virginia.gov/pr-provider newletter.asp.

Please note that the Provider E-Newsletter is not intended to take the place of



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